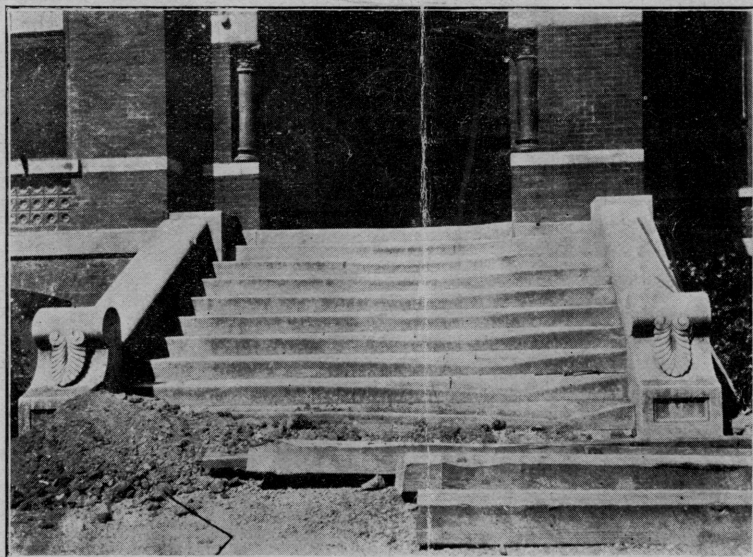


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Photograph of front steps to Administration Building taken just before they were "turned" at the beginning of this session. Note their condition,—indicating the zealous search for knowledge made through past decades by ambitious seekers after the truth. They also happen to be a fair sample of the repairs too generally needed over the entire plant.

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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

The failure of the Legislature to co-operate with the Governor in an appropriation of half-million dollars for the schools of higher education in the state should certainly vitalize the interest of every alumnus, ex-student and present student of such institutions in the state of Alabama. With a public Treasury giving every indication of an ability in the near future to make this long-delayed and dire-needed appropriation to the higher institutions of learning in Alabama; with the Chief Executive ambitious to reward the high hopes and the oft-defeated desires of higher education in Alabama; it remained for the Legislature itself, greatly ignorant of the pitiful conditions under which these institutions of learning are attempting to carry on, to turn its back upon their needs as well as upon the path of progress.

To the average observer of legislative history this action could not have been prompted except through a lack of knowledge of real conditions as existing among the higher institutions. It is most regrettable that the Legislature was unable to finally accept the invitation to make a personal investigation of its plant at Auburn. Had it done so, it would have found the administration attempting to carry on its great work for a magnificent state in buildings many of which are totally inadequate for the accommodation of students in courses, attempting to utilize laboratory equipment which should have been discarded twenty years ago, distressed and harassed on all sides where development is necessary by lack of facilities and insufficient funds to secure them. The situation at Auburn is typical; is the situation at the University in Tuscaloosa and the Girls' School at

Montevallo—though possibly not in so pronounced a degree.

The intelligent legislators could not get away from the old demagogic shibboleth of the needs of the common schools for the barefoot boys and girls of Alabama. As a matter of fact, the common schools of the state have been very well provided for in the legislatures of the past few years—if the community has the ambition to so arrange. The colleges of the state are in no such favorable condition.

The patrons of the higher institutions of learning—past, present, and future—must realize the danger of this continuing attitude on the part of legislators and accept it as a challenge to intelligent action. Every avenue and resource must be used to enlighten the people of the state and, through them, their representatives in the Legislature, concerning the crying needs in Alabama's higher educational institutions. This can only be done through organized effort—carrying on a propaganda which will present the simple facts to the people of Alabama. In this work, the Auburn Alumni Association should take a leading part and, as local clubs are formed in the various counties of the state, they will be provided with all data necessary for enlightening the people of their communities as to actual conditions. It is certainly to be hoped that, at no time ever in the future, will such an unfortunate condition recur in Alabama's educational, upward program.

*Selling the College to the People of the State*

One of the most important phases of work which the Alumni Association can undertake is that of "selling the College" to the people of Alabama. This phrase is used to cover the activities of the college in increasing the attendance of students from over



the state. At the present time this duty is left entirely to the administrative authorities and officers of the college who are employed specifically to give instruction and carry on the internal work of the institution. In doing this additional service, they must, necessarily, be placed in the disadvantageous position of praising their own handiwork, which is a distinct handicap at the start. Again, it frequently happens that a trained teacher, professor, or pedagogue, while preeminently fitted for the work for which he is employed, is entirely unfitted to carry on a campaign requiring expert salesmanship.

This field has elsewhere been found to be entirely adaptable for cultivation by members of the Alumni Association. No one better than a man who has himself experienced it, can present the value of the training afforded by the college, and the high standards and ideals encouraged in its curriculum. This is, and should be, a practical work cheerfully rendered to the college by its Alumni. The local organization in every county in Alabama should make this a distinct feature of its work.

"Selling the College," too, is necessary when appropriations are to be made for the cause of higher education in Alabama. This work, too, of securing adequate appropriations has, in the past, been largely left to members of the faculty of the college. Year after year, Alabama has witnessed the spectacle of the administrative officers of its educational institutions besieging the favor of the politicians of the state and begging needed appropriations from legislators, frequently lacking in information and sympathy for the object sought. Here also, they have been placed at a distinct disadvantage in being required to lobby for bills which, in part, were to pay their own yearly salaries. As interested parties their influence was discounted at the very start and no presentation of the needs of these institutions could be made on a plane high enough to avoid this unconscious criticism.

Other than the Trustees themselves, no group of men in the State are so well equipped from a standpoint of knowledge, influence and strategy to present this matter of appropriations from the

Legislature in an aggressive and successful way, as the alumni association of its higher institutions. To them the duty should be delegated of informing the voters of Alabama of the actual conditions and needs of its educational institutions, that the voters may demand of the Legislature in turn, that Alabama boys be furnished educational advantages no longer inferior to those furnished to the boys of Georgia, Tennessee and the Carolinas. Too long has Alabama stood at the foot of the educational ladder; it is time for the upward journey to commence.

Members of the Alumni Association of Auburn, *C. S. McDowell* as well as friends of the *Lieut.-Governor* Institution Generally over the State, will be interested to know of the candidacy of Charles S. McDowell, of Eufaula, for the position of Lieutenant Governor of Alabama. Mr. McDowell has been prominent in the politics of his county in the State of Alabama for quite a period of years,—having served as a member of the Legislature of Alabama from Barbour county. Mr. McDowell has also been honored in a signal way by two state organizations, evidencing thereby the wide field of interest covered by his personal activities. The Presbyterian Synod of Alabama did a somewhat unusual thing by selecting a layman as its Moderator at its 1918 session, and the choice fell on Mr. McDowell. When the State Bar Association needed an aggressive and active President, Mr. McDowell again was chosen as a favored one. For a good many years, Mr. McDowell has served the state as a Trustee of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute of Auburn. From this, he will be readily recognized as a man of most diversified parts, as well as pleasing personality, for it takes all of these qualifications to so successfully acquire leadership in the political, religious, legal and educational circles of the state.

Although, of course, the office of Lieutenant Governor does not offer so wide a field of opportunity as the Governorship itself, for which office Mr. McDowell has frequently been mentioned—still, as presiding officer of the Senate, with authority to organize and name the standing committees of that body, his influence cannot help but be indelibly impressed upon Alabama legislation. To have in that dignified and influential office a man who, by virtue of actual experience as well as trained study, is in active sympathy with the needs of the cause of education in Alabama cannot but be highly gratifying. The Alumnus takes pleasure in wishing Mr. McDowell a successful issue of his candidacy.

## Failure of College Appropriation

Judging from the action of the Legislature of Alabama at the recent special session, there is a serious lack of appreciation if not misconception of the place and needs of our state institutions of higher learning. Nor is this misconception explained by loud and profuse avowals of affection for our common schools. We are quite willing to concede that our Legislators rise above the motive of the demagogue who thinks to capitalize upon the prejudices of his constituency by championing the cause of the little red school house back home, but we cannot understand how prejudice against any educational institution should find place among Alabamians so long as our status educationally suffers so seriously by comparison with that of the other states in the Union.

It cannot be denied that the rural, and even the town schools for that matter, are all too poorly provided for both as to equipment and teaching force, or that the length of term in the rural counties is all too short, but this does not justify a loss of perspective and a failure to take into account the indisputable facts; namely, that institutions of higher learning no less than the common schools belong to the whole state; that the progress and development of our commonwealth depend upon trained leadership; that Alabama's institutions of higher learning are about the poorest supported in the nation; that comparatively speaking the elementary schools are being better financed than the colleges; that no part of our educational program in Alabama is adequately financed.

The above assertions are easily demonstrated by the most superficial examination, but the greater disadvantage at which our colleges are placed is most significant. Recognizing this, Governor Kilby, wise business man that he is, and actuated by a lofty sense of fairness, asked the Legislature to make a conditional appropriation to state institutions of higher learning. The action of the Legislature in killing the bill embodying the recommendations suggested by the Governor would indicate that there is prejudice and perhaps hostility in the minds of some of our law-makers toward our institutions of higher learning.

The Senate Committee reported the bill, which carried an appropriation of one-half million dollars, favorably, but when the matter came up for action an amendment from the floor was adopted, changing the basis of the appropriation

to \$350,000 for institutions of higher learning and \$150,000 for the elementary schools. In the House, the Committee reported the bill with an amendment so as to provide that institutions of higher learning and the elementary schools should each receive \$250,000. In this form the measure was acted upon favorably by the House and concurred in by the Senate.

When the bill reached the Governor's desk he made a careful re-examination of the facts in the interest of fairness and although he was still firmly convinced that his original recommendation was just, he deferred to the judgement of the Senate and returned the measure with an amendment, fixing the amount for the colleges and elementary schools at \$350,000 and \$150,000 respectively. In support of this position, Governor Kilby issued a strong statement in which he showed that the public schools would receive during the quadrennium ending with his administration a \$5,000,000 increase as a result of the increased tax valuations and more efficient tax raising machinery, while by the very provisions of the bill itself, it would be mandatory to release conditional appropriations amounting to \$1,000,000 to the elementary schools.

When it is remembered that institutions of higher learning receive a fixed sum which is not affected by increased tax valuations, and when it is recalled that the public schools are receiving much more than the legislature could have contemplated when the tax-raising machinery was authorized, and when the further fact has been considered that ten schools would have to share in the appropriation to the colleges, it must appear to any fairminded man that it was only right and proper to give the institutions of higher learning the help proposed.

The Governor's amendment was adopted by an overwhelming vote in the Senate, but when the measure reached the House the second time a number of hot and bitter speeches were made by certain members who took the Governor to task for his position, criticized the institutions of higher learning and urged that the bill be killed outright since the elementary schools could not share equally.

It goes without saying that Governor Kilby was not playing to the galleries nor seeking popularity in the brave stand he took. No man who knows him will question for a moment that he knew full well how unpopular such a position would be with a substantial number of men in the lower house. He felt, how-

ever, and all good citizens must admire him for it, that the time had come when the chief executive of the state should speak out fearlessly and fairly for equality of opportunity as between the elementary schools and institutions of higher learning. We believe that the Governor has done the whole state a real service and that thoughtful men will come to see that justice demands a square deal for our colleges. All too long they have been literally in distress when they should have been at least modestly pro-

vided for. In no other way can we be sure that those in country and city who wish to get first class training may do so right here in Alabama. The continuance of our antiquated policy will not seriously hurt our well-to-do people who can afford to send their sons and daughters away to college but it will seriously retard our growth and development since so many of our people will continue to be deprived of the educational opportunities which the state should make possible for them to use to advantage.

## Auburn's 1920 Football Season

By M. J. DONAHUE, Coach.

The foot ball contests on Thanksgiving Day closed what was the most successful season ever experienced in the South and one of the most successful experienced anywhere. It was particularly successful in the south both from a playing and a financial standpoint. Georgia Tech and Center took long trips, played two of the leading colleges in the country and showed up remarkably well. Long trips such as these handicap a team at least two touchdowns, and in one case the score was tied at the end of the first half, and in the other the southern team led for three quarters. Three of the strongest South Atlantic teams played down in this section and the best they could do was a tie in one case. Georgetown and Washington and Lee were overwhelmingly defeated by Georgia Tech and Auburn respectively. It is not so many years ago that games with teams in this section would be considered mere practice affairs for these teams so the games this year show conclusively the development of the game in the South. The same is true also from an attendance standpoint. Over twenty-thousand people saw the Tech-Auburn game which compares very favorably even with the "Big Ten" contests in the West.

### *Championship Team*

There were three undefeated teams in the South, Georgia Tech, University of Georgia, and Tulane. Now every undefeated team can claim the championship and such a team is a championship team but there is no question but that Georgia Tech, day in and day out, had the strongest team in the South. They had more speed, more experience and more power than any other. Auburn had the best in and out team in this section of the country. That is always true, however, of any team that is composed largely of players competing for the first time in big contests. Of the seventeen players

that did the bulk of the work, ten were playing their first year, four their second, and three their third year, as they come and go rather rapidly at Auburn. Part of this is due to the fact that Auburn has not been getting any skilled preparatory school material, and these players on the team are very often juniors and seniors before they develop, and then again they leave school and go to work. Of the line players that did so well against Tech a year ago, only one, Pete Bonner, was a year on the team. Only one man, Trapp, four year man; yet outside of him there were five others that did not come back and four of them were playing their first year on the team. Only one man, Trapp, left from the backfield and while his loss was a very severe one still there were quite a number left and with added experience Auburn's backfield was in good shape until the loss of both halves necessitated the pulling of the ends back and weakening the line to that extent. Line material was the scarcest ever seen in Auburn. Starting there were just five candidates for the line positions until some players were taken out of the backfield and developed as line substitutes. Two of the linemen were very green and two more, Warren and Capt. Sizemore, were way overweight. There was absolutely no opposition to help these players develop and reduce.

### *Game With Georgia*

But outside of all this were it not for the fact that Auburn threw away the Georgia game because of poor physical and mental condition, the season would have been probably the most successful that Auburn had ever had and the Turkey Day contest would have been an entirely different looking affair. A year ago the Auburn team went to Nashville and fumbled away to Vanderbilt when they should have won easily. This ranked in the minds of the players especially as it took something away from the victory over Tech. The same dissatisfaction



tion was on the minds of the players at the beginning of this season and no special effort was necessary to key the team up for the Vandy game. The Georgia game was entirely lost sight of, although Georgia was considered to have a good team, but Auburn had been in the habit of winning that game without any special worry or preparation. With two of Auburn's best players crippled, Shirling and Shirey, and with the mental relaxation and soreness after the hard Vandy contest, Georgia got the jump on Auburn and before the Tigers woke up to the fact that they were in a foot-ball game, there was a touchdown scored against them. Auburn during this time put up a very poor defense. Shirling was then rushed in and while Georgia was held easily the remainder of the game, the somewhat frantic and overanxious Auburn team was unable to score even though constantly threatening and gaining easily at times. It was last fall's Vandy game over again and the players, sore and disappointed, were ready to take it out on the next team that crossed their path.

#### *Washington and Lee Game*

Substitutes were used against Birmingham-Southern College but in the Washington and Lee game the team played at

the top of its stride. This was one of the best games an Auburn team ever played. The weather was cool, helping the big fellows, while the whole team played with speed and reckless abandon not visible in any game of the season. The trouble was that the team spent its whole reserve strength. If the Georgia game had not been lost the team would have played a steady consistent game against the Generals winning by a small score and would have had considerable reserve left for the Tech game. New players are very sensitive to criticism and when they are disappointed will overreach themselves in their efforts to prove to themselves and others that they have some ability. The team burned up rapidly in the Tech game, and while some played remarkable foot ball, most of them were spent and all in. They had no speed and tackling was poor. They were playing a waiting game and not going after things as in the Washington and Lee game. The game against Tech this year was one of the very few when winning or losing Auburn was not more than holding its own in the fourth quarter. The players had given all they had. They have been the easiest to handle and the most conscientious crowd of players that Auburn has ever had, and if they stay together for a couple of years they will make foot ball history.

## Meeting of Executive Council in Atlanta Thanksgiving Day

As so large a number of the Executive council would as a matter of course be present at the Auburn-Tech game in Atlanta on Thanksgiving, President Denson decided that it would be an opportune time for getting the executive council together. So after the afternoon's disaster, the council assembled in the Pine Room of the Ansley, with the following present; President Jno. V. Denson, Opelika; Vice-President M. F. Kahn, Montgomery and Jere Gwin of Birmingham; Arthur C. Crowder and Tom Bragg of Birmingham; J. P. Illges of Columbus, Ga.; Walker Reynolds of Anniston; Secretary Leslie Gilbert of Auburn; Edwin Bukofzer of New York representing O. Ellery Edwards. A detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements was submitted as shown on the books of the Treasurer. After discussion the Secretary was instructed to at once collect in the annual dues of \$2.00 from all alumni and ex-students of the college so far as known, covering the period June 1920 to June 1921.

The point was raised as to whether graduation or a sufficient college atten-

dance, automatically made a man a member of the Alumni Association, or whether it simply made him eligible for membership therein, to be later confirmed by his voluntary action in requesting admission and agreeing to abide by the constitution and bylaws and paying his annual dues. The matter was referred for later recommendation to a special committee consisting of A. C. Crowder, Jere Gwin and Tom Bragg,—all of Birmingham.

After full discussion the Council decided not to change in any manner the usual program for its annual reunion on Alumni Day at the Commencement in June. At this time William M. Williams, Commissioner of Internal Revenue at Washington, will be present to deliver the annual oration,—while the usual business meeting and banquet will be supplemented with additional entertainment.

The Council will lend its full influence in securing a large attendance of the alumni however at the inaugural ceremonies of Dr. Spright Dowell as President of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, which ceremonies are set for the 22nd of February 1921,—and in which

the Association will most heartily participate.

Walker Reynolds made report of an interesting dinner and meeting held by the alumni of Anniston in reorganizing for definite work, and Tom Bragg told of a meeting of similar character in Gadsden. A report was also submitted of work contemplated in New Orleans. Mr. Bukofzer spoke of the revival of interest in the New York club, and introduced the following resolution,—which was unanimously adopted;

“WHEREAS the educational conditions in Alabama are deplorably bad, and WHEREAS the State, having recognized this, caused an educational survey to be made by the Bureau of Education in Washington, and the results of this survey have been published in Bulletin No. 41 of the Year 1919 of this Bureau;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Executive Council of the Auburn Alumni Association in meeting assembled this 25th day of November 1920 as follows:—

1. We endorse the recommendations of this Bulletin No. 41.

2. We recommend that all educational forces in Alabama unite and cooperate with a view to securing the adoption of these recommendations throughout the State.

3. That a Ways and Means Committee be appointed by the President of the Alumni Association, himself to be Chairman, with a view to securing the adoption of these recommendations, and that this committee be given power to act for this Association for the purpose of carrying out the letter and spirit of this resolution.”

## The Football Letter Men

The men who, by reason of meeting certain requirements in athletics and playing a stipulated number of varsity games, have won the right to wear the big “A” in their sweaters next year, have been announced as follows:

R. C. Brown, J. K. Bullock, L. C. Case, Winston Caton, J. P. Creel, W. P. Grisham, C. S. Howard, A. Clay Jackson, E. R. Moulton, J. A. Moore, R. M. Ollinger, J. G.

Pearce, F. A. Reagan, Chas Scott, Ed Shirling, Emmett Sizemore, J. B. Shirey, Francis S. Stubbs, Clyde C. Warren.

In addition, T. W. Coleman, J. F. Carter, H. G. McCrary, J. S. Price, H. A. Edge, W. M. Ray, J. L. Harrison and R. B. Ford will play on the varsity team though they were not awarded letters.

Keep these names in mind as they will be making football history for you not many months hence.

## The Mythical All-Southern Team

Representing the composite selection of twenty seven football writers and coaches of the S. I. A. A., the list below may be aptly termed the 1920 All-Southern Football Team.

Owen Reynolds (Georgia) .....left end  
 “Fatty” Warren (Auburn) ....left guard  
 Bill Fincher (Capt) (Tech) ..left tackle  
 Bum Day (Georgia) .....center  
 Winston Caton (Auburn) ....right guard  
 Artie Pew (Georgia) .....right tackle  
 John Staton (Tech) .....right end  
 Bo McMillin (Centre) .....quarterback  
 Buck Flowers (Tech) .....left half  
 Red Barron (Tech) .....right half  
 Riggs Stephenson (Alabama) ..full back

It is noted that Auburn gets two on the list. Caton played center all the

year, and Warren was right tackle, but in the award there was a necessary shift to adjust the votes and positions fairly for all concerned therewith.

Winston Caton is only 22 years old, came from River Falls, Ala., in 1916 having prepared at Presbyterian College at Anniston. He made the Varsity in '17 '19 and '20. Weighs 190 pounds and is 6 feet high.

Chester C. Warren is 21 years old, came from Coal City, Ala., in 1916 being a graduate of Pell City High School. He never saw a game of football until he came to Auburn; was varsity guard or tackle in '17 '19 and '20, weighs 220 pounds and stands six feet one inch.

## Interesting Letters from Alumni

It is with pleasure that we give space to some letters received from various alumni of the college recently and feel sure they will be read with interest by every subscriber.

It is pleasing to note the spirit of loyalty to Auburn and the desire to be of service, which breathes through all the communications. Though covering a territory as broad as the land,—New York, Atlanta, Denver and San Francisco,—they all agree in that one respect—Auburn first, always.

Letters of this kind we should like to publish in every issue; let us have more such.

San Francisco, Cal.,  
November 23, 1920.

Leslie Gilbert, Esq.,

Managing Editor, The Auburn Alumnus,  
Auburn, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

I am just in receipt of the "Auburn Alumnus", Volume 7, No. 7, October 1920, which I have read with a great deal of interest.

In looking over the "Lost, Strayed or Stolen" column I noticed the name of John H Skaggs. This should be John H. Skeggs. You can reach him by addressing him care California Highway Commission, 568 Flood Building, San Francisco, California. I see Mr. Skeggs quite frequently. Saw him just yesterday and think that your mistake has been that you did not change his address from Los Angeles to San Francisco.

He is Assistant Division Engineer of the California Highway Commission and fills this position with a great deal of credit to himself and our State Highway system, which is second to none in the United States. As to the splendid record that Mr. Skeggs made as Major of Engineers in the recent war, you undoubtedly have heard.

I regret exceedingly to hear of the loss of the Agricultural Building and can appreciate what this loss means to my Alma Mater.

I note your tribute to Mrs. Mell with a great deal of interest as Mrs. Mell was one of those who made Auburn a good place to live in when I was at college.

With my best wishes to the Auburn Alumnus in particular and the Alabama Polytechnic Institute in general, I remain,

Yours very truly,  
WARREN H. McBRYDE.

Denver, Col.,  
November 24, 1920.

The Secretary,  
Auburn Alumnus,  
Auburn, Ala.

Dear Sir:

My old friend and college mate, Dr. H. S. Henderson, '97, Grand Junction, Col., has turned over to me a copy of your edition of October, 1920, in which I note that the undersigned is "Lost, Strayed or Stolen". I might state that it is an Army custom to be "~~Strayed~~" and in my twenty one years of service I have strayed all over the world. I cannot understand why my mail addressed to Washington, D. C. was not forwarded to me here. Any communication addressed to me in care of the Adjutant General of the Army will always reach me. My present duty and address is as above as I am in command of this district.

Have had many interesting talks of the old days at Auburn with J. B. Shivers, '98, now a member of the large firm of Sholtz Drug Co., Denver, Col.; Dr. H. S. Henderson, a prominent surgeon at Grand Junction, Col; and "Mut" Wheeler, Dentist, Montgomery, Ala, who visited me at my office last summer. Am much interested in Auburn and desire to assist the Alumni Association in any way possible. Will you kindly advise me cost for membership and subscription to the "Auburn Alumnus"? Put me down and forward bill.

Thanking you for the list published which has enabled me to find myself, I am,

Very respectfully,  
CHAS. J. NELSON, '97,  
Lt. Col. of Infy., U. S. A.

Atlanta, Ga.,  
November 19, 1920.

The Secretary,  
The Auburn Alumnus,  
Auburn, Ala.

Dear Sir:

The first copy of your Alumnus reached me today altho I have been on the job since last May.

Allow me to congratulate you on the quality of the paper and to say that I was agreeably surprised to find it covering activities of the school and the old ex-students as well. In all it is the best of its kind that I have ever seen and well it should be, because it represents a school that is the best of its kind.

You might inform my classmates and AUBURN friends thru your columns that I am now representing the H. K. Mulford Co., Manufacturing Chemists of Philadel-



phia, in north Georgia and parts of Tennessee and North Carolina enjoying a good business and that in October I was married to Miss Reba Garrett, Carrollton, Ga. Our home is in Atlanta and we would be glad to welcome old Auburn pals at 868 Piedmont Ave.

Wishing you the best of success and sending you greetings, I am,

Yours truly,  
HOYT GREER.

October 19, 1920.

Mr. Leslie Gilbert, Secretary,  
Auburn Alumni Association,  
Alabama Polytechnic Institute,  
Auburn, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Gilbert,

As the presiding officer of an informal dinner of the New York Chapter of the Auburn Alumni Association, on the evening of October fifteenth, I was requested, by those present, to acknowledge receipt of your highly appreciated telegram and to convey to you our expressions of regard and best wishes.

It is difficult, for anyone, more than

a thousand miles from our Alma Mater, to render very much constructive assistance, because it is necessary to be on the spot to properly judge as to what should be done and how to do it. We feel, however, we are now going to be of real service, through the excellent organization recently established and which we propose to stand behind to the best of our ability.

It is a disgrace to a State possessing the wealth of Alabama, to be rated forty fourth in the per capita receipts of higher Educational Institutions. This condition will have to be corrected before very much headway can be made. We feel the Auburn Alumni Association should lend its best efforts to this end.

While we are quite remote from the scene of action, we want you to feel we are with you in spirit and always ready to be of the slightest assistance in our power.

Fraternally yours,  
M. R. HUTCHINSON,  
Vice President,  
New York Chapter,  
Auburn Alumni Association.

## Auburn Man in Brazil

An account of the work of A. E. Hayes, ex '16, is contained in a recent letter to a friend, which will be read with interest by his fellow student friends. Hayes was always active in student affairs, was a ready debater and took a high stand in his studies.

"We are trying to get under way an Agricultural and Industrial School here in North Brazil, the only thing of the kind that I know of in the interior. It is a Baptist experiment in reaching the ignorant people cut off from civilization in the vast field of the tropical mountains and plateau lands. In many respects conditions here are much as they are in the Allegheny and Cumberland mountains of the states, except the peo-

ple are under the yoke of Rome and are a degenerate mixture of Indian, Portuguese and negro stock instead of almost pure Anglo Saxon.

A good deal of what seems to be a wild variety of cotton is grown here. It is a tree form and I have seen it thirty feet high. The bolls are long and spindling and the seed are black,—no lint adhering after the fibre has been pulled away.

The people pick out the seed by hand, beat it up, spin it and weave a coarse cloth similar to what I imagine the old south did years ago. The cotton never dies, I am told and when too large the farmer cuts the tree down.

"I cannot vouch for this."

## News from the Alumni

H. T. Killingsworth, '19, formerly of Fort Gains, Ga., now at 1413 Hurt Building, Atlanta was the first subscriber to the Headquarters Fund, after the letter of President Jno. V. Denson was mailed out to the alumni. His check came in at six o'clock p. m. September 29th,—the day before the actual date for the canvass to begin. Thus the class of 1919 bears off the first honors.

A. N. Duncan, ex-'13, is a Lieutenant

in the regular army, and is now located at Park Field Memphis, Tenn.

J. McGondrau, '19, is no longer with the City Engineering Department at New Orleans,—but can be found at No. 142 Sumac Street, Wissahicken, Philadelphia.

Walter B. Jones, '06, has resigned as City Commissioner of Montgomery, and has been formally installed as Judge of

the 15th Judicial District of Alabama,—probably being the youngest man in the State to hold so important a judicial office.

*Major Thos Cooke* has been given the Commission of Captain in the Quartermasters Corps in the regular army and will be located at Fort Morgan.

*S. R. Batson*, '08, has resigned as County Engineer of Jefferson County.

*Jere W. Gwin*, '02, after a hot political contest, has been recently selected a member of the Board of Revenue of Jefferson County.

*B. E. Harris*, '09, is no longer in the State Normal School at Jacksonville, Ala., but has recently been made State Supervisor of Trades and Industries, by appointment of State Superintendent of Education, Abercrombie.

*B. J. Land*, ex, of Louisville, Ky., a former football star, stopped over in Auburn a day or so to view the team at practice and renew old friendships, on his way to the Thanksgiving game in Atlanta.

## Births

Born to *Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Quinn*, '13, on November 10th at their home in Montgomery a seven and one-half pound boy, who has been named *Irvin Talton Quinn, Jr.*

Born to *Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Toomer*, '93, a son, on Thursday, December 9th. Of course he will be named *Sheldon Lynn, Jr.*

## Deaths

*Andrew Duke Cameron*, '04, died on November 12th, 1920 in Chicago, having just returned from a visit to his old home at Notasulga, Ala. He was Manager of the Loan Department for George M. Forman & Co., international investment and farm bankers of Chicago and Edinburg, having an office at No. 715 Lumber Exchange Building, Chicago. His remains were brought to Notasulga for burial. He leaves a widow and two children,

John aged six and one-half, and Gene aged three years.

*Max Folmar*, ex-'12, of Troy, Ala., died in the month of November, 1920. He was born Sep. 26, 1892.

## Marriages

*Desmond Crain*, '19, to Miss Annie Mayre Robbins in November, at Camden, Ala.

*John Russell Liddell*, '14, to Miss Daisy Bruce Aldridge in November, at Camden, Ala.

*Harry Williams*, Danville, Va., to Miss *Vida Barker*, ex-'20, on Thursday, Nov. 25th at Auburn.

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Real Estate .....	8,438.74

## CASH

Demand Loans .....	\$295,756.43
Due from Banks .....	140,341.12
U. S. Treasurer .....	5,000.00
Cash in Vault .....	52,931.91
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	\$1,779,581.31

## LIABILITIES

Capital Stock .....	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus Fund .....	250,000.00
Undivided Profits .....	109,435.76
Circulating Notes .....	100,000.00
Bills Payable .....	328,000.00
Rediscunts .....	159,558.28

## DEPOSITS

Individual .....	\$730,073.58
Banks .....	2,513.69
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# FIFTY---

## and tortured by regrets

"Do you suppose" cried Napoleon, as he stood with Gourgaud on St. Helena, "Do you suppose when I wake at night I have not had moments—when I think of what I was and what I am?"

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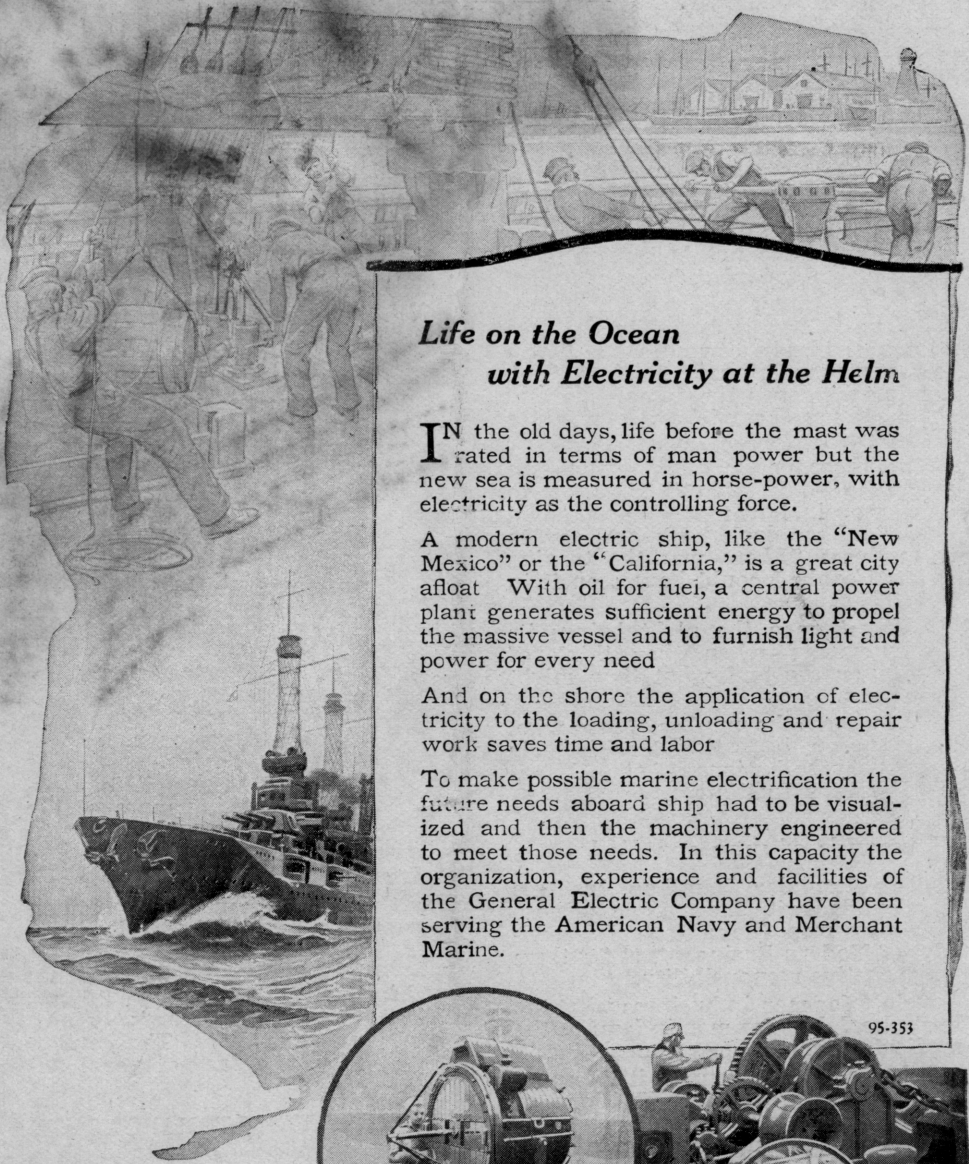


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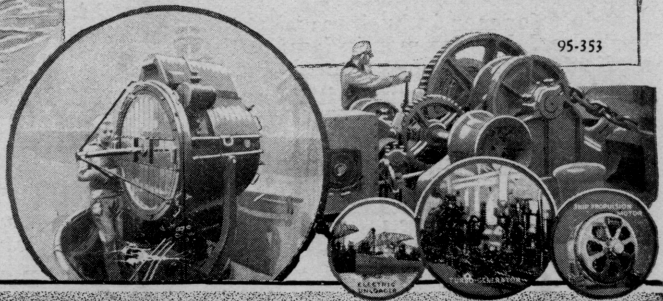
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